

FAQ FORM

NOTE: If you are employed by Shelby County Schools and you are interested in becoming a School Board Member, you are required to relinquish your current employment if appointed to serve.

The questions below are submitted by individual Commissioners who are interested in your responses. Each Commissioner will determine how much importance to place on the answers while determining the candidate for whom they will vote. The questions do not reflect the views or interests of all Commissioners and do not represent each Commissioner's interest.

1. What is your vision for public education in Shelby County? What do you see as its purpose and how should that purpose be accomplished?

2. What are three things you believe SCS should do to be a more effective school system?

3. This will be a working board that will affect the education of all children in Shelby County. Why do you want to serve on the school board and how much time per week can you dedicate to the Board?

4. What has been your personal involvement with education in your community?

5. Over the past two (2) years, have you participated or been involved in any public school functions or activities?

6. What are the qualities and skills that make an effective school board member?

7. What are the most crucial issues facing a teacher in the classroom today?

8. Describe the stresses and challenges that children face in public education?

9. What do you feel is the number one challenge facing urban schools today?

10. Although standardized test scores show increasing improvement in our schools, significant differences among economic and cultural groups still exist. What can the SCS do to continue the overall success in academic achievement?

11. What skill sets or experiences would you bring to the Board that would make you an asset to a unified school system?

12. What skills do you have to contribute to the business of running a school system that meets the needs of all students?

13. How do you deal with conflict?

14. For your K-12 education, did you attend public or private school? Where?

15. Do you currently have or in the past did your children attend public or private school? If yes, where?

16. Would you support giving school buildings away for free to the municipal school districts? If so, under what circumstances? If not, what compensation would you expect?

17. Would you support a resolution providing insurance against the state requiring the school board to give school buildings away for free or discounted rates by entering into a binding agreement with the county in which the school system received compensation in

exchange for a promise not to give buildings away in such a manner as to increase the county's bond debt?

18. Do you owe real property back taxes in Shelby County? If so, how much?

19. What is your party affiliation? [**Note: This is not a partisan position. Applicants of all political affiliations, or none, are welcome.**]
